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CLARKSBURG, W. VA., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1908.

PRICE TWO CENTS.

SAMUEL GOMPERS SENTENCED TO TWELVE MONTHS IN PRISON

Big Sensation is Created in
Union Labor Circles by
the Court's Decision.

PROTEST TO BE MADE

John Mitchell Gets Nine
Months and Secretary
Morrison Six Months

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—The famous contempt case of the
Bucks Stove & Range Company
President Samuel Gompers,
Vice-President John Mitchell and
Secretary Morrison, of the American
Federation of Labor, was decided to-
day by Judge Wright, of the Sup-
reme Court of the District of Colum-
bia, adversely to the Federation of
officials.

Gompers was sentenced to twelve
months imprisonment, Mitchell to
nine months and Morrison to six
months.

The case grew out of an alleged
boycott of the company's products
and putting that company on the un-
fair list, and the Federation's re-
fusal to discontinue the publication
of the company's name in the unfair
list.

Judge Wright's decision contained
a scathing denunciation of the de-
fendants.

Pending an appeal to the United
States Court of the District of Colum-
bia, all three defendants were re-
leased on bail, Gompers, \$5,000, Mitchell
\$4,000 and Morrison \$3,000.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 23.—
The decision of the United States
District Court at Washington sen-
tencing Gompers, Mitchell and Mor-
rison to prison, caused a big sensa-
tion among Indianapolis labor union-
ists. A meeting will be held this
evening by officers of national and
international unions having head-
quarters here and a strong protest,
it is said, will be drafted and prob-
ably will be forwarded to President
Roosevelt.

National Secretary-Treasurer Ryan
of the United Mine Workers, sent a
telegram to President Roosevelt pro-
testing against the decision.

BANKERS HELD

For Court on Charges of Al-
leged Conspiracy and
Bribery in Pittsburgh.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 23.—W. W.
Ramsay and A. A. Vilsack, former
president and cashier of the German
National Bank, who were arrested
with seven co-defendants as the result
of alleged corruption in the city's
legislative circles, were arraigned
before a police magistrate for a pre-
liminary hearing this morning and
held for court for trial on the charges
of alleged conspiracy and bribery.
The co-defendants will be arraigned
later in the day.

A large crowd of politicians were
in and around the court room.

The authorities intimated other ar-
rests will follow which will cause one
of the greatest sensations in the his-
tory of municipal graft in Pittsburgh.
It is rumored one of the accused men
has made an alleged confession.

MUCH GUESSING

Indulged in at Stores in the Waldo
Hotel Building These Days.

Much guessing has been indulged
in by persons passing the Waldo on
Fourth street during the last few
days. Two prominent firms, the
Waldo drug store and Charles E.
Brooks, grocer, have been running
free guessing contests, the drug store
offering guesses on the weight of a
large sponge, and the grocery store
on the weight of a huge stick of
candy. The drug store's contest
closed Tuesday and was won by
Miss Minnie Largent, who guessed
the correct weight of the sponge,
which was forty-two ounces. The
prize was a handsome \$5.00 box of
stationery. J. V. Blair guessed forty-
three ounces.

The candy guessing contest does
not close until Christmas, when the
stick of candy will be weighed and
presented to the person guessing
nearest its correct weight. Mr.
Brooks invites all who have not
guessed to call at his store and do
so before Christmas.

DOVE OF PEACE BETWEEN NATIONS

ANOTHER AGED CITIZEN DEAD

Captain Burke Smith, a War
Veteran, Answers
Final Taps.

After a long and painful illness
with tuberculosis, Captain James
Burke Smith, a well known Clarksburg
resident, died at his home, 347 Me-
chanic street.

Captain Smith was 67 years of
age and was born in Tyler county,
November 16, 1841. Most of his life
was spent in his native county, where
he was successfully engaged for
many years in the mercantile and
timber business. He served with
distinction during the Civil war, tak-
ing active part in the second battle
at Bull Run, being later promoted to
captain. After the war he en-
gaged in business at Shirley.

He was united in marriage to Miss
Martha Langitt August 19, 1868, and
to this union three children were
born, namely, Austin Smith, pres-
ident of the D. M. Ogden Company,
of this city; Mrs. Robert Morris, of
this city, and S. M. Smith, of Blue-
field.

In 1905 Captain Smith moved to
Clarksburg, where he has since re-
sided. He was an earnest and de-
vout member of the Christian
church. The news of his death is
heard with sorrow and regret by his
many friends and acquaintances.
Funeral services will be held at the
home, Thursday afternoon at 4
o'clock, and Friday morning the body
will be removed to his old home at
Beechwood, Tyler county, for burial.
The Revs. Long and Abbot will
have charge of the services.

ELKS DISTRIBUTE

Christmas Supplies Among
the Poor and Needy of
the Community.

The annual Christmas distribution
of food supplies, toys, etc., by the
local Elks lodge to the poor of the
city, is being prepared for. The
Blue Front building on Fourth street
formerly occupied by W. B. Smith
with a restaurant, has just been
opened by the general committee,
comprised of John Clifford, William
Harrington and Arthur Heinz, who,
with sub-committees, are collecting
and storing the goods and preparing
them for distribution in packages.
The committee desires the names of
needy and will gladly furnish them
to the extent of its ability with
Christmas supplies.

POST VERDICT

For \$10,000 Stands as Judge
Dayton Refused to Set
It Aside.

Ira C. Post, of Romine's Mills,
will be paid \$10,000 by the Western
Maryland railroad company, unless
an appeal be taken to a higher court
and the verdict set aside.

At the term of the court just closed
by Judge A. G. Dayton at Phil-
ippi a motion was argued to set
aside the verdict but refused by the
court. Mr. Post was given the ver-
dict for \$10,000 at the October term
of federal court here, when the case
was tried. He received injuries in
May last at Elkins, when a freight
car side-swiped a passenger coach he
was riding in.

COFFMAN'S MOTHER DIES

Mrs. Julia A. Oaks, aged mother of
the Rev. Stephen A. Coffman, who
murdered his wife in cold blood sev-
eral months ago and later died in
Fairmont, while in custody, died last
night in Fairmont from burns, re-
sulting from the lighting of her
clothes from an open grate yesterday
afternoon.

SHOOTS HIS FINGER

Little Robert Hill had the third
finger of his left hand badly injured
last evening while engaged in shoot-
ing a blank cartridge pistol. The
finger was split open lengthwise.
Medical attention was given him.

Dutch Order Their Ships to
Cease Their Activity in
Caribbean Sea.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 23.—The for-
eign minister made a statement in
the second chamber this afternoon
concerning affairs in the Caribbean
Sea, in which he announced the sus-
pension of Dutch hostile action
against Venezuela and predicted an
early settlement of all difficulties be-
tween that country and the Nether-
lands.

BERLIN, Germany, Dec. 23.—The
foreign office this morning received
advices from Caracas confirming the
press reports of the overthrow of
President Castro. Castro is re-
posing here in a private sanitarium, ig-
norant of the events as Caracas. He
has received no news from home.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—
Resumption of American diplomatic
relations with Venezuela is at hand.
Official communication was received
today at the State department ex-
pressing the wish of Vice-President
Gomez to settle satisfactorily all in-
ternational questions between the
United States and Venezuela and for
the presence of an American war-
ship at La Guaira.

W. I. Buchanan was appointed as
special commissioner to represent the
United States in any negotiations
and is now aboard the cruiser North
Carolina on its way to Venezuela.

The HAGUE, Dec. 23.—The Vene-
zuelan government today granted the
principal demands of the Dutch gov-
ernment and telegraphic instructions
were sent to the commanders of the
three Dutch warships in Venezuelan
waters to cease further activity
against Venezuela.

COAL IS SHIPPED.

GALLIPOLIS, O., Dec. 23.—A
shipment of a million bushels of coal
left the Kanawha river today for
Louisville and Cincinnati on the rise
from Pittsburgh.

COUNTY JUDGES HARD AT WORK

Business of the Court is Cov-
ering a Wide and
Varied Scope.

All the members of the county
court attended the sessions today.
John G. Lang qualified as admin-
istrator de bonis non with will an-
nounced of John Sigler, deceased, giv-
ing bond of \$7,000 with A. A. Lang,
surety; Lloyd G. Hornor, A. N.
Lawson and Charles J. Roy were ap-
pointed appraisers of the estate.

Thomas M. Bailey qualified as
guardian of Vessie Ash, infant of
Delbert Ash, deceased, giving bond
of \$1,000 with Amie Mathey surety.
The petition of John Cochran and
others for the removal of gates from
a road near Lost Creek was granted.
A tax exoneration amounting to
\$3,883 on personal property valued at
\$2,555 in Bridgeport was allowed
Guy C. Wilkinson.

Tasas L. Davison qualified as ad-
ministrator of the estate of Amos
Maxwell, deceased, giving bond of
\$400 with James F. Dye surety. J.
M. Morris, William Ritter and Geo.
Nazum were appointed appraisers of
the estate.

John T. Flynn qualified as Justice
for Coal District.
James Casey was exonerated for
1907 on \$130 and for 1908 on \$320.

ENTERTAINMENT

Will be Given at the Adamston Unit-
ed Brethren Church

A Christmas entertainment will be
given at the Adamston United Breth-
ren church Christmas eve. A splen-
did program will be rendered and a
treat for the school will be given.
A nice Christmas tree has been ar-
ranged and all who wish to take
their presents to put on the tree will
please have them there by 2 o'clock
Thursday afternoon.

Ballot Must Be Counted

Where the Intention of Voter
is Shown Says State
Supreme Court.

The election laws of West Virginia
in so far as it requires ballots to be
counted whenever it is possible to
ascertain the intention of the voter,
are mandatory. This was the opinion
of the supreme court of appeals
handed down Tuesday.

In the same case, that of Shore
against the board of canvassers of
Wood county, the court held that
when two or more offices are to be
filled by an election and the names
of all the candidates therefor are
printed opposite each other on the
respective tickets, in groups, and the
voter by marking in a circle, selects
one ticket and then places a mark
before the name of a candidate for one
of these offices on another ticket the
ballot is counted for all the candi-
dates on the ticket selected except the
one whose name is directly op-
posite the name of the candidate so
marked on such other ticket.

In handing down the opinion the
court refused a peremptory writ of
mandamus asked for by Shore, one
of the Democratic candidates for Jus-
tice of the peace in the city of Park-
ersburg. This point of law has at-
tracted considerable attention since
the recent election as questions of
similar character arose in several
counties.

Judge Brannon handed down a
dissenting opinion, in which he dis-
agreed with the other members of
the court on the point involved, hold-
ing that the voter did not signify his
intent by marking in a circle to vote
against the candidate whose name
appeared opposite the name of the
candidate on the other ticket in front
of whose name the voter had placed
a cross. Judge Poffenberger wrote
the opinion with three members of
the court agreed.

The open session of the court held
Tuesday was probably the last in
which Judge Henry Clay McWhor-
ter will sit. After twelve years' ser-
vice on the bench of the highest
tribunal within the state, Judge Mc-
Whorter retires on the 1st day of
January. He will be succeeded by L.
J. Williams, of Greenbrier county.
The court will adjourn for the hol-
idays immediately after the present
business is disposed of and when it
reconvenes for the January term,
Judge McWhorter will not be a
member of the court. It is probable
that the final adjournment of the
court will be taken Wednesday.

BURNSIDE TRAVELS

For a Leading Cincinnati
Concern Over Territory
Formerly Made by Him.

W. C. Burnside has accepted a po-
sition as traveling salesman for The
Meyer, Wise, Kaichen & Co., of Cin-
cinnati, importers and wholesalers of
men's and women's furnishings, hos-
iery, underwear, ladies and child-
ren's ready-to-wear garments,
notions and the like, and he will
cover the same territory he formerly
made for Speyer Bros., of Wheeling.
When in Clarksburg Mr. Burnside
will have his headquarters at the
Traders hotel. Mr. Burnside will
prove a valuable acquisition to the
Cincinnati firm, as he has had suc-
cessful experience.

SCHOOLS CLOSE

For the Usual Christmas Holi-
day Vacation of Nearly
Two Weeks.

The city schools closed Wednes-
day evening for the Christmas hol-
idays, and will not open again until
January 4. Appropriate exercises
were held in most of the rooms Wed-
nesday afternoon, and several Chris-
tian programs of recitations and
readings were rendered by the chil-
dren.

The intermission during the win-
ter season comes as quite a relief to
the teachers and children, and both
greatly appreciate the opportunity
given for a brief respite from their
task.

MISSOURI OUSTS STANDARD MUTUAL OFFICER TAKES HIS LIFE

Former President Under In-
dictment Kills Himself
By Inhaling Gas.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Fred A.
Burnham, former president of the
Mutual Life Insurance Company, was
found dead in bed at his home on
East Seventy-eighth street this morn-
ing, of gas poisoning. The police
say death was due to suicide.

The Mutual company went into the
hands of receivers in February last.
President Burnham, his brother,
George Burnham, Jr., treasurer of
the company, and George E. Elderge,
actuary, were indicted on charges of
larceny and forgery, which grew out
of the alleged payment of funds of
the company in satisfaction of per-
sonal claims against some of its of-
ficers.

George Burnham, Jr., was tried on
the charge of grand larceny, con-
victed, and sentenced to two years
in prison, but the appellate division
of the supreme court set aside the
verdict and Burnham was released.
The case against Frederick A.
Burnham had not yet come to trial.

FISH AND GAME MEN TO MEET

Third Annual Session Will Be
Held in Charleston Twen-
tieth of Next Month.

The third annual meeting of the
West Virginia Fish and Game Pro-
tective Association will be held at
Charleston, in the rooms of the State
Board of Agriculture, Capital build-
ing, on January 20, 1909, beginning
at 10 o'clock a. m.

In addition to the routine business,
the Rev. Earle A. Brooks, of Weston,
will read a paper entitled "The Game
Birds of West Virginia." Hon. Robert
K. Robinson, in charge of the U. S.
Fish Hatchery at White Sulphur
Springs, will read a paper on "The
Artificial Propagation of Fish as it
Applies to West Virginia Waters;"
and Mr. Thad Surrub of White Sul-
phur Springs, will read a paper en-
titled "Game Animals of West Vir-
ginia." These three gentlemen are
masters of their subjects and their
papers will be well worth hearing by
all sportsmen.

Whether a member of the associa-
tion or not, you are very cordially in-
vited to attend this meeting. The
work is of vital interest to all the
citizens of this State, and the As-
sociation wants the co-operation of
every true sportsman and nature
lover.

FINE PROGRAM

Is Rendered by the Seventh and
Eight Grades of Carlisle School

Among the school programs for
Christmas given this afternoon one
of the most interesting was that at
the Carlisle school by the pupils of
the seventh and eighth grades. The
program there consisted of songs,
recitations, orations and essays by
the pupils and was rendered in a
highly capable manner. All present
enjoyed the occasion and felt prof-
ited intellectually.

WIFE KILLS

Her Husband From Whom
She Separated After One
Year of Wedded Life.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 23.—
Frederick L. Peterson was shot and
killed early today by his wife, Mrs.
Rose Peterson, as they were return-
ing from a dance. The couple were
married three years but lived to-
gether but one year. The couple
met at the dance and quarreled.
Mrs. Peterson was arrested.

CHANGES IN TEACHERS.

A. P. Morrison of the Northview
schools will succeed L. Wayman Og-
den as principal of the Adamston
schools the first Monday after New
Year's. C. R. Hartman will succeed
Morrison at Northview and F.
Davison will succeed Hartman. Mr.
Ogden as county superintendent will
then begin visiting the schools of the
county.

Supreme Court of the State
Also Ousts Two Other
Oil Companies.

A BIG FINE IMPOSED

Also By the State's Highest
Court on Companies for
Violation of the Law.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 22
—The Supreme Court of Missouri
handed down a decision today oust-
ing the Standard Oil Company of
Indiana and the Republic Oil Com-
pany from Missouri, and dissolving
the Waters-Pierce Oil Company of
St. Louis.

In addition each of the companies
was fined \$50,000.

Suit to oust the three companies
was instituted by Attorney General
Hadley in 1905.

GOES TO ASIA

Frank Carpenter Will Have
Special Letters in the
Pittsburg Dispatch.

Since Russia's defeat by Japan the
other side of the globe has become
the world's chief news center. All
Asia is now in a turmoil of unrest
and the air is full of rumors of war.

To give its readers the truth about
the movements which are going on
in that country, Frank G. Carpenter,
the correspondent of The Pittsburg
Dispatch, who is known the world
over as one of the most interesting
newspaper writers of this age, has
been sent to Asia, and commencing
the first Sunday in the new year his
illustrated letters will appear every
Sunday in The Dispatch.

Mr. Carpenter has already left the
United States and is now travelling
in Japan. From there he will make
his way northward into Korea and
thence overland through Manchuria
into China. He will spend some time
in Seoul and Mukden and going on
by rail to Peking will traverse a great
part of the Chinese Empire. Later
on he may make his way through
Siam, Burmah, Hindustan, Palestine
and Turkey.

No one who hopes to keep abreast
with the times can afford to miss
these letters.

Leave your order with your news-
dealer and be sure that he delivers
you The Dispatch every Sunday.

COLLEGE REVIVAL

Is Being Quite Successfully
Conducted in Town of
Buckhannon.

BUCKHANNON, Dec. 23.—The
West Virginia Wesleyan College is
experiencing a very gracious revival
of religion. Rev. Dr. A. B. Rinker
and Mrs. Rinker were with the fac-
ulty and students for a week and
greatly assisted in the meetings by
strong practical sermons and sweet
gospel hymns. President Doney and
the faculty conducted services for
several days before they came and
continued the meetings after they
were compelled to return. Thirty-
five students accepted Christ, leaving
but twelve or fifteen of the student
body who are not professing Chris-
tians. Dr. and Mrs. Rinker are highly
appreciated for their fine spirit and
efficient work. The entire college
has experienced a real uplift.

COUNT'S CHILDREN

Are Recommended by Prose-
cutor to Be Left With
Their Mother.

PARIS, France, Dec. 23.—The
matter of the public prosecutor was
heard this morning in the suit
brought by Count Boni De Castel-
lane against his former wife, who was
Miss Anna Gould, in which he asks
that the custody of his three child-
ren be awarded to his mother. The
public prosecutor recommended that
the children be left in the custody
of their mother.

STORE WILL CLOSE.

The D. M. Ogden Co., owing to the
death of Mr. J. B. Smith father of
the president of the company, will
close its store on Thursday af-
ternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock during
the funeral.

THE D. M. OGDEN CO.